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Subj: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS OF
RESERVES SUPPORT UNITS (RSUs)

Ref: (a) MCO 1540.34B (Unit ATD Baseload Mgt.)
(b) Marine Corps Mobilization Management Plan (MPLAN)
(c) MCO 5311.1C (TFS Process)
(d) MCO 1001.60 (PIM Admin)
(e) Marine Corps Manual
(f) MCO 3060.17 (MORDT)

1. Situation. To delineate core capabilities of the RSUs and clarify the command relationships between COMMARFORRES and Commanding Generals of bases and stations with RSUs.

Cancellation. MCO 5400.49.

3. Mission

a. Commonality of RSU functions at bases and stations increases efficiency and facilitates execution of responsibilities for peacetime training support in reference (a) and for mobilization and demobilization in reference (b). Therefore, while some responsibilities for individual RSUs at the various bases and stations may differ, the core capabilities and responsibilities are consistent.

b. Individual RSUs may fulfill unique collateral missions at the discretion of respective installation commanders.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The Commanding Officer or Officer-in-Charger, RSU is normally the senior adviser on reserve matters for the Commanding Generals of Marine Corps bases and stations.

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(2) Concept of Operations. The RSU provides and coordinates reserve host support among bases and station staffs, subordinate commanders on those bases and stations, special staff officers, the operating forces and reserve unit commanders in order to:

(a) Enhance the capability of Marine Corps bases and stations to prepare for the augmentation and reinforcement of the Marine Corps Reserve to the operating forces and to the supporting establishment.

(b) Anticipate support requirements for the Marine Corps Reserve and initiate coordination of resources to enable successful training. Mobilization and demobilization success proceeds from this training. The RSU is an integral part of the mobilization and demobilization process as delineated in reference (b).

(c) Facilitate peacetime training through base and station liaison, administration, and logistical support for COMMARFORRES and other Service reserve commands.

(d) Facilitate base and station mission accomplishment by sourcing and provided administration, and logistical support for COMMARFORRES and other Services reserve commands.

(e) Plan and execute mobilization and demobilization of total force and providing administration, and logistical support for COMMARFORRES and other Services reserve commands.

b. Tasks

(1) Commanding Generals of bases and stations will direct the day-to-day operations of the RSUs per the assigned mission.

(2) COMMARFORRES will:

(a) Coordinate COMMARFORRES peacetime training and mobilization exercises/processing with Commanding Generals of bases and stations.

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(b) Provide professional advice, guidance and assistance to RSU commanders via Commanding Generals bases and stations concerning peacetime training and mobilization exercises.

(c) Issue a comprehensive instruction/order establishing procedures for providing technical direction for the RSUs, to include an MARFORRES in-brief for new RSU Commanding Officers.

(3) RSU core tasks include the following:

(a) Advise the Commanding Generals of Marine Corps bases and stations in developing, implementing, and administering plans and programs relating to reserve matters.

(b) Support training for individual reservists and reserve units on bases and stations.

(c) Provide administrative and logistical support to individual reservists who receive orders to base and station activities and for those assigned to the operating forces for exercises and operations as required. This includes but is not limited to Active Duty Special Work (ADSW), Active Duty Training, Annual Training Duty, and Reserve Counterpart Training.

(d) Support reservists and reserve units from other Service components and initiate coordination of resources to enable successful training. This encompasses coordination of facilities, logistics, ranges, training areas, and air space.

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(f) Act as operational sponsor and provide administrative support to the base and station Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

(g) Participate in the development of the MARFORRES Training Exercise and Employment Plan.

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(h) Form the nucleus for mobilization support for bases and stations as delineated in reference (b).

(i) Review and provide comments on proposed changes to base and station T/O's for mobilization as directed in reference (d).

(j) Support Mobilization Operational Readiness Deployment Tests and other mobilization exercises as directed in reference (f).

(k) Provide administrative and logistical support for Mobilization Training Units if co-located on bases and stations.

(l) Plan, develop, and execute the annual fiscal year ADSW budget for the bases and stations in coordination with the respective base and station Manpower and Comptroller departments.

(m) Execute other tasks as assigned by Commanding Generals of bases and stations.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) RSU Organization. The RSU peacetime sponsorship for structure, T/O and billets, and occupational fields is established in reference (c). Manpower mobilization support requirements for Commanding Generals of bases and stations are described and will be maintained in accordance with reference (b).

(2) Command relationships

(a) Commanding Generals of Marine Corps bases and stations exercise administrative and operational control of the RSUs as defined in reference (e).

(b) COMMARFORRES exercise technical direction for the RSUs. As defined in reference (e), technical direction is the performance of a specialized or professional service, or the exercise of professional guidance or direction through the establishment of policies and procedures in technical matters. Further, technical direction may include:

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(1) Establishing standards or procedures for performing a technical function.

(2) Providing professionally trained and qualified personnel to perform a technical function.

(3) Providing professional advice, guidance or assistance.

(4) Performing a technical function as a service to the command.


(3) Mobilization. This Order augments, but does not supersede, mobilization guidance in reference (b).

4. Administration and Logistics.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal. Effective upon receipt.

b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.


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